

## CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A method for browsing in collaboration space,  
2 comprising the steps of:  
  
3 presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said  
4 collaboration space;  
  
5 providing in a main window in said interface a quick  
6 browse selector;  
  
7 responsive to user selection of said quick browse  
8 selector,  
  
9 creating a set of links to control said main  
10 window without losing context,  
  
11 displaying said context in a separate quick browse  
12 window in a simpler format; and  
  
13 responsive to user selection of an item in said  
14 context, displaying in said main window an object

15 linked to said item.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 organizing said collaboration space according to an object  
3 model selectively including place, room, folder, page,  
4 member, form, field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and placebot  
5 objects.

1 3. The method of claim 1, said simpler format being a  
2 hypertext markup language format.

1 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said object as a room in said collaboration  
3 space.

1 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control  
3 selector in a search results window.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step

2 responsive to user selection of a link to a target page in  
3 said quick browse window, of reloading said main window with  
4 said target page.

1 7. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control  
3 selector in a what's new window.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step  
2 responsive to user selection of said quick browse selector  
3 of enabling random access browsing of links in said quick  
4 browse window.

1 9. The method of claim 8, said links being to objects in a  
2 plurality of rooms.

1 10. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said quick browse selector as go there links  
3 from a tutorial window, as go there links from a help  
4 window, and as go there links from a site map.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of  
2 generating said site map as a simple rendering of an access  
3 controlled table of context hierarchy.

1 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
  
2 displaying said quick browse window in minimal screen  
3 space while said user browses target pages and allowing  
4 said user to see and access local settings of said  
5 target page so as to display context of said target  
6 page.

1 13. The method of claim 12, said context selectively  
2 including a table of contents, location, folder, parent,  
3 responses, ancestors, and/or revisions of said target page.

1 14. A system for browsing within collaboration space,  
2 comprising:

3 a browser for displaying a user interface in a main  
4 window;

5 a quick browse window;

6 a remote control mechanism displayed in any context in  
7 said user interface supporting a quick browse feature  
8 for displaying in said quick browse window links to  
9 linked pages;

10 said quick browse feature redirecting said main window  
11 to a linked page upon user selection of said link.

1 15. The system of claim 14, said collaboration space being  
2 organized according to an object model selectively including  
3 place, room, folder, page, member, form, field, placetype,  
4 roomtype, skin, and placebot objects.

1 16. The system of claim 14, said context including search  
2 results and what's new contexts.

1 17. The system of claim 16, said context including help and  
2 tutorial windows.

1 18. The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2 said quick browse window being opened responsive to  
3 user selection of said remote control mechanism;

4 said link being opened in said main window responsive  
5 to said user selection of said link;

6 said quick browse window further providing a remote  
7 control on said main window with said links displayed  
8 in said quick browse window while said user browses  
9 selected links in said main window.

1 19. A program storage device readable by a machine,  
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a  
3 machine to perform method steps for browsing in  
4 collaboration space, said method steps comprising:

5 presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said  
6 collaboration space;

7 providing in a main window in said interface a quick  
8 browse selector;

9 responsive to user selection of said quick browse  
10 selector,  
  
11 creating a set of links to control said main  
12 window without losing context,  
  
13 displaying said context in a separate quick browse  
14 window in a simpler format; and  
  
15 responsive to user selection of an item in said  
16 context, displaying in said main window an object  
17 linked to said item.

1 20. A computer program product or computer program element  
2 for browsing in collaboration space by

3 presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said  
4 collaboration space;

5 providing in a main window in said interface a quick  
6 browse selector;

7 responsive to user selection of said quick browse  
8 selector,

9                   creating a set of links to control said main  
10                   window without losing context,  
  
11                   displaying said context in a separate quick browse  
12                   window in a simpler format; and  
  
13                   responsive to user selection of an item in said  
14                   context, displaying in said main window an object  
15                   linked to said item.